

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:

a case having a substantially boxed shape and rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound;

a recessed portion formed on an upper surface of the case; and

a stacking rib protrudingly provided on a lower surface of the case, for engaging with a recessed portion when ~~a plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked~~the recording tape cartridge and another recording tape cartridge are stacked,

wherein a protruding portion, which defines a label region, is formed at a position in the recessed portion, which position does not interfere with a stacking rib when the ~~plurality of the recording tape cartridges is~~recording tape cartridge and another recording tape cartridge are stacked,~~and~~

wherein the protruding portion extends in a substantially perpendicular direction from a bottom surface of the recessed portion, and has a substantially frame shape in a plane view, and the protruding portion substantially surrounds the label region on which a label is adhered.

2. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a pair of stacking ribs are protrudingly provided on the lower surface of the case, and the protruding portion is

formed at a position in the recessed portion, which position is between the pair of the stacking ribs when the plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked.

3. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portion comprises a continuous single member and is formed to have a frame shape in a plan view.

4. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portion is formed by a plurality of protruding members.

5. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 4, wherein the protruding portion is formed by the plurality of the protruding members so as to have a substantially frame shape without corner portions in a plan view.

6. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the stacking rib, which faces the protruding portion when the plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked, is chamfered.

7. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 6, wherein the surface of the stacking rib is chamfered to have a substantially circular arc shape in a cross sectional view.

8. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a height of the protruding portion is no greater than a depth of the recessed portion.

9. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:
a case having a substantially boxed shape and rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound, the case comprising an upper case and a lower case;
a recessed portion formed on an upper surface of the upper case; and
a pair of stacking ribs, provided protrudingly on a lower surface of the lower case, for engaging with a recessed portion when a plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked, wherein a protruding portion, which defines a label region to which a label is adhered, is formed at a position in the recessed portion, which position is between a pair of the stacking ribs when the ~~plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked~~ recording tape cartridge and another recording tape cartridge are stacked, and
wherein the protruding portion extends in a substantially perpendicular direction from a bottom surface of the recessed portion, and has a substantially frame shape in a plane view, and the protruding portion substantially surrounds the label region.

10. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein the protruding portion comprises a continuous single member and is formed to have a frame shape in a plan view.

11. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein the protruding portion is formed by a plurality of protruding members.

12. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein the protruding portion is formed by the plurality of protruding members so as to have a substantially frame shape without corner portions in a plan view.

13. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein each surface of the pair of the stacking ribs, which faces the protruding portion when the plurality of the recording tape cartridges is stacked, is chamfered.

14. (previously presented): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 13, wherein each surface of the pair of the stacking ribs is chamfered to have a substantially circular arc shape in a cross sectional view.

15. (original): A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein a height of the protruding portion is no greater than a depth of the recessed portion.

16. (currently amended): A recording tape cartridge comprising:
a case having a substantially boxed shape and rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound, the case comprising an upper case and a lower case;

a recessed portion formed on an upper surface of the upper case; and
a pair of stacking ribs protrudingly provided on a lower surface of the lower case;
wherein a pair of stacking ribs of another recording tape cartridge, which has the same structure as the recording tape cartridge, engage the recessed portion of the recording tape cartridge when the other recording tape cartridge is stacked ~~thereon~~ on the recording tape cartridge, and

a protruding portion, which defines a label region to which a label is adhered, is formed at a position in the recessed portion, which position is between the pair of the stacking ribs of the other recording tape cartridge when the other recording tape cartridge is stacked on the recording tape cartridge, and

wherein the protruding portion extends in a substantially perpendicular direction from a bottom surface of the recessed portion, and has a substantially frame shape in a plane view, and the protruding portion substantially surrounds the label region.

17. (new) A recording tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a center of the label region, that is substantially surrounded by the protruding portion, is level with the bottom surface of the recessed portion.

18. (new) A recording tape cartridge according to claim 9, wherein a center of the label region, that is substantially surrounded by the protruding portion, is level with the bottom surface of the recessed portion.

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19. (new) A recording tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein a center of the label region, that is substantially surrounded by the protruding portion, is level with the bottom surface of the recessed portion.